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1. MISSION CONTACTED NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTOR LAULAN JANUARY 27 TO CONVEY MESSAGE (REF A) THAT US PREFERRED HE VISIT WASHINGTON EARLY WEEK OF JANUARY 28 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH NCS WORKING GROUP AND OTHER EXPERTS. LAULAN RESPONDED THIS MORNING THAT HE UNABLE TRAVEL WASHINGTON ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE SINCE HE IS CHAIRING NATO SYMPOSIUM ON SIBERIAN NATURAL RESOURCES JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1. ADDITIONAL FACTOR IS THAT ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE STAFF MEETING WITH BELGIAN AUTHORITIES JANUARY 29 OR 30 TO REVIEW FIGURES FOR BELGIAN "CASE STUDY."

2. LAULAN BELIEVES AT THIS LATE STAGE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS WITH ALLIED REPS WORKING ON FIGURES PREFERABLE TO VISITING WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS. HIS RECOMMENDATION, AT THIS POINT, IS THAT USG OFFICIALS VISIT NATO BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1 OR 4. ALTHOUGH POOR SECOND CHOICE FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, HE COULD GO TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETING BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4.
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3. PLEASE ADVISE WASHINGTON'S PREFERENCE.

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